GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5138
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NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY MESCOS AIRLINES
ASHOK ARGAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Directors appointed by Mescos Airlines Limited during the last three years alongwith the time taken in getting security clearance for these Directors;

(b) the number of aviation companies whose applications for security clearance of the Directors are pending for more than four months; and

(c) the steps taken to accord clearance expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) During the last 3 years only one new Director viz. Air Marshal (Retd.) Denzil Keelor was appointed as new Director by M/s MESCO Airlines. Security clearance of AM Keelor and another Director Shri D.K.Singh (since 1993 on the Board of the company) was granted after about six months.

(b) and (c): Obtaining security clearance of the Directors of the new applicant companies as well as those of the existing operators whenever new Director(s) are proposed to be appointed is an on-going process. Security clearance of the following new applicant companies for non-scheduled operations and their Directors is awaited:-

Sent to MHA on
i) M/s Future Travels Ltd. 11.10.2000
ii) M/s R.C.Aviation (India) 21.11.2000
iii)M/s Bilakhia Holdings Pvt.Ltd. 21.11.2000

No time limit in this regard can be fixed as security verification involves various agencies and formalities. Reminders are sent periodically to the verification authority to expedite the security clearance.